

**House File 185 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act eliminating a restriction on a person associated with  
2 a county agricultural extension district from engaging in  
3 certain activities affecting legislation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 176A.9, subsection 2, Code 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. a. The extension district, its council, or a member  
4 or an employee as a representative of either one or the other  
5 shall not engage in commercial or other private enterprises,  
6 ~~legislative programs, nor attempt in any manner by the adoption~~  
7 ~~of resolutions or otherwise to influence legislation, either~~  
8 ~~state or national,~~ or other activities not authorized by this  
9 chapter.

10 b. Nothing in this chapter prohibits an extension district,  
11 its council, or a member or an employee as described in  
12 paragraph "a" from engaging in a state or federal legislative  
13 program or becoming involved in the state or federal  
14 legislative process.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill amends a provision which restricts a person  
19 associated with a county agricultural extension district,  
20 organized under Code chapter 176A, from engaging in certain  
21 activities which involve commercial or other private  
22 enterprises, legislative programs, or the influence of state or  
23 federal legislation. This includes a member of the district's  
24 county agricultural extension council, or an employee or  
25 representative of either the council or the district.

26 The bill eliminates the restriction upon such a person from  
27 engaging in a legislative program or influencing legislation  
28 and replaces it with a provision which allows a person to so  
29 act.